



NEWS RELEASE

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests & Thunder Basin National Grassland

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Anticipated Road Closures and Project Activities Across Laramie Ranger District

(Laramie, Wyo.) August 23, 2010 – Continuing into the fall and winter, many forest management projects will be implemented across the Laramie Ranger District of the Medicine Bow National Forest. Projects include fuels reduction, hazard tree removal from roadsides and campgrounds, and thinning.

The bulk of the work will be in the southern portion of the Snowy Range, although crews will be working on projects throughout the Laramie Ranger District. Visitors should be aware that this is a very active program of work. Some detours, delays, and temporary road closures will be necessary. Travel delays, limited access and limited motorized recreational opportunities are likely for some visitors. Visitors may encounter log trucks in contract areas and logging machinery along National Forest System Roads. Do not enter areas which are posted closed, as they are closed for your safety.

Work will generally be accomplished during weekdays; however, some work may occur on weekends and holidays. The Forest Service apologizes for any inconvenience that this work may cause to visitors. However, this work is essential to maintain long-term access and public safety.

Page two of this news release includes a numbered list of projects and locations. Only the main road locations are identified, but other roads near projects may be affected. Project locations are displayed on a map for easy reference (Page 3). Please call the Laramie Ranger District office at 307-745-2300 to inquire about current conditions and to check the status of work in the area you plan to visit.

This work is generally being done in response to impacts from the mountain pine beetle epidemic. Efforts will reduce hazards to private land owners, visitors, and Forest Service employees.

In addition, visitors need to be aware that the mountain pine beetle epidemic has increased the risk of falling trees. Trees impacted by the beetles appear red or have no needles. Remember to look up, look down and look around before setting up camps or parking vehicles under dead trees. Please be aware of your surroundings while visiting areas affected by the epidemic.

List of Laramie Ranger District Projects

1. West Devils POL (Products Other than Logs) Timber Sale
NFSR 506, NFSR 512, NFSR 511, NFSR 500, Highway 11 – *Ongoing operations*
2. Rush Creek FHTR (Forest Hazard Tree Removal) Stewardship Contract Task Order
NFSR 500, Highway 11 – *Work to begin approx. Aug. 25, 2010; Anticipated Road Closure 7am to 5pm, Mon.-Fri., Approx. Aug. 30 to Sept. 30, 2010*
3. Strain Creek Stewardship Contract
NFSR 517, NFSR 513, NFSR 500, Fox Creek Road, Highway 11 – *Ongoing operations*
4. FHTR 517 Road Dry Fox Stewardship Task Order
NFSR 517 – *Work to begin approx. Sept. 1, 2010; Anticipated intermittent daily Road Closures from Sept. to Dec. 2010*
5. FHTR 512 Road Gray Fox Stewardship Task Order
NFSR 512 – *Work anticipated to begin Sept. 2010*
6. Somber Hill WUI (Wildland Urban Interface) Fuels Reduction Project
NFSR 512, NFSR 515, NFSR 530, NFSR 544, NFSR 544A, Highway 230
7. FY 2009 Pre-commercial Thinning Contract
NFSR 530, NFSR 516
8. WyColo WUI (Wildland Urban Interface) Fuels Reduction Project
NFSR 501, NFSR 526, NFSR 898C, NFSR 898F, Highway 230 – *Operations occurring from approx. Aug. 25 to Dec. 1, 2010*
9. Carbon Power & Light Hazard Tree Removal Settlement Sale
Highway 230, NFSR 512, NFSR 543, District-wide – *Anticipated winter work along Highway 230*
10. WyDOT Highway 230 Hazard Tree Removal
Highway 230 – *Anticipated winter work along Highway 230*
11. Sixmile Stewardship Contract
NFSR 516, NFSR 521, NFSR 898
12. FHTR 518/520 Road Gramm Stewardship Task Order
NFSR 520, NFSR 549, NFSR 518
13. FY2010 Pre-commercial Thinning Contract
NFSR 520, NFSR 519, NFSR 538, NFSR 551

Please note that the project numbers correspond with the numbers on the map.



**Current and Anticipated
Forest Management Contract Activity
Reference Location Map**

Laramie Ranger District,
Medicine Bow-Routt
National Forests

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